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### Thanks

... to those parents who attended this week's personalised learning discussion.

... to those parents who helped out with our year 5 and 6 farm visit this week .. and to the Finlayson's for their hospitality!

... to those assisting with the Barge Park catering event next week.

.. Thanks to Bob Wood who has cleaned up the Tennis Courts. Much appreciated!

### People of the week

... Room 6 children, many of who have (by choice) been working on their schoolwork well before 9:00 AM bell on certain mornings .. without being asked!

... Jemimah T for fantastic effort this week in Maths Whizz and home learning. Well done Jemimah!

.. Year 2 Netball team for listening at practice and their beautiful display of team work on Saturday.

.. Congratulations to the following students for achieving "Player of the Day" for their netball teams - Piper D, Matarau 3 and Mila P-H, Matarau 2.

### Term calendar *(We will advise further dates as these come to hand)*

13 June	Trivia Night
16 June	Kamo High School management team visits to meet parents and prospective students (7:00 PM)
18 June	Ten pin bowling
19 June	Portfolios issued
26 June	Mathex
29/30 June	Parent interviews
3 July	Final day of term 2

### Parent Interviews

As advised, interviews will be held 29 and 30 June. Parents are invited to make their appointments by visiting [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz), and entering the event code YFX42 again.

### Notice of early finish to school days

Please note that school finishes at 2:30 PM on 29 and 30 June to allow teachers time to prepare for interviews. Please note that buses will run approximately 30 minutes earlier on these days. Parents who pick their children up from school are asked to do so at this earlier time please. We apologise for any inconvenience caused by these changes.

(Please note that bus drop off times can vary from the usual on these days due to unpredictable bus loadings).

### The Kamo High School Management Team

... will be visiting us at 7:00 PM Thursday 16 June to talk to year 8 (and 7) students and their parents. This is an opportunity to hear about what's on offer at KHS, to meet some key staff, and to ask questions. Parents and children are warmly invited to this meeting. Please ensure that you have advised our school office if you plan to be in attendance. The meeting will be held in the staffroom.

### Out of Zone Enrolments

The school is already receiving out of zone enquiries. The board remains committed to keeping our roll below 300 and so out of zone places will be strictly limited in 2016. **If you are an out of zone family with a child turning 5 next year can you please advise Kevin by 25 June.** This is NOT a guarantee of placement but we do try hard to reserve places for siblings of current out of zone students. In the past some families have not responded to this request and, consequently, we had the difficult task of advising them that we were unable to accept their child for the following year.

### Portfolios

These will be issued next week. Please flick through these with your child(ren) and celebrate their gains. Portfolios contain earlier samples (where available) and National Exemplars to assist in making comparisons. National Standards Reports will be presented to you at forthcoming interviews.

### Year 7 and 8 trip to the Finlayson Farm

A reminder that year 7 and 8 students will be visiting the Finlayson Farm on Thursday 18 June to undertake team building and problem solving activities with senior students from Whangarei Girls' High School. Please ensure that children bring a drink bottle, suitable footwear and warm (and rainproof) clothing.

### International Schools Competitions

Practice papers for the English exam were issued last week. If you have not yet done so, please ensure your child has some sort of routine for managing these practice papers. As in previous years we will meet with participants from time to time to see how they are going and to provide encouragement. Please ensure that children sit at least 2 practice papers a week at home please (parents will also need to mark these - marking sheet provided).

A reminder that the exams are scheduled as follows ... English - 28 July ... Mathematics -11 August.

Practice papers for maths exam will be made available week beginning 15 June.

### Year 7 and 8 Technology Fees

Thanks to those who have paid these ... still few more to come in. We pay these on your behalf and will need these funds very soon please. Technology fees cover the cost of take home materials ... we cover the instructional costs on your behalf.

### Term Contributions

Thank you to those who already have paid term 2 school contributions. These contributions are very much appreciated. Those still to pay are welcome to contact Helen with any questions (Remember that term contributions are only for those who opted for this in place of the annual contribution at the beginning of the year).

### Hockey and Netball Fees

It is our understanding that quite a few of these fees are still outstanding. Coaches and manager have an already busy job, please make their job a little easier by getting any outstanding fees to them in the coming week.

### Famine

Not all sponsor money (and booklet) have been returned to school yet. As we need to get this money banked please return these **to school please by 16 June.** Please note that it is a requirement that all sponsor booklets are returned. If your child took a booklet and did not participate we still need the booklets back at school. Thank you.

### Confirmation of Secondary School

Parents of year 8 children will receive a form on Monday asking for an indication of which secondary school their child is likely to attend in 2016. **Please return your form by 15 June.** This helps us to ensure that you get the information you need as we approach information and enrolment time.

# Important High School Information Dates

16 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>HERE</b> - School Staff Room – KHS Senior Staff Presentation
27 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>HERE</b> – WGHS Presentation Parents Welcome at 1.45pm
28 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>HERE</b> – WBHS Presentation – Parents Welcome 1.45 pm
30 <sup>th</sup> July	KHS Open Evening from 5.30pm
4 <sup>th</sup> August	WBHS – Open Evening Tours from 4.30pm Principals Presentation 6pm
6 <sup>th</sup> August	WGHS Open Evening – 4.30pm – 7.30pm
11 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>HERE</b> - KHS Interviews and Enrolments from 1pm <i>Bookings to be made through our school office please</i>
Date to be Confirmed	<b>HERE</b> - Excellere College Presentation for parents and students
17 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>HERE</b> – WGHS Interviews and Enrolments 9am-12.30pm <i>Bookings to be made through our school office please</i>
24 <sup>th</sup> August	WGHS – Enrolments begin at WGHS If you are unable to make interviews and enrolments here on 17 <sup>th</sup> August you can make an appointment through WCHS
25 <sup>th</sup> August	Huanui College – Open Evening from 6.30pm-8.30pm <i>Also..... Tours by Principal every Tuesday morning at 9.30am</i>
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	WGHS – Orientation Day
Nov	WBHS – Interviews and Enrolments start.

## Vandalism ... can you help?

Last weekend quite a bit of paint was splattered around the school (on walls and footpaths) and inappropriate comments were written on some walls. We are keen for information on anyone seen at the school over that weekend who might be worth following up. Those involved would definitely have returned home covered in green and / or blue paint. Please advise Kevin if you have any leads worth following up. We do not believe this was done by any of our students.

## Trivia Night

... Saturday 13 June ... please keep this night free!

## Finally ... Some exciting news on our senior school

Success at years 7 and 8 can be critical determinants of performance at secondary school. Research has sometimes indicated achievement lags at this level across the NZ school system, there are numerous and complex reasons for this. At Matarau School our year 7 and 8 students have tended to achieve very well in standardised and secondary entry tests (over many years), enabling these students to achieve excellent class placements. In part, our focus on building core literacy and numeracy skills is a big part of this. Over recent months we have been preparing our senior school for registration for the Cambridge Secondary 1 programme. The Cambridge Programme is well regarded internationally, and is an excellent preparation for secondary school, even for those students who do not continue on the Cambridge route. The Cambridge programme would not take the place of those things already working well here, and nor would it become the total programme. There would be numerous Cambridge pathways in acknowledgment of differing learning styles, and each chosen pathway would be based on past achievement patterns, and thorough discussions with children and their parents. In short, Cambridge would be configured to benefit all learners, not only the most able. We will keep you posted on this very exciting development as things unfold. Cambridge has an excellent website which you should feel free to visit (we also have some information here at school in hard copy form). A minority of schools offer the Cambridge programme in NZ and many of these are private schools (with considerable fees). Cambridge is probably the best overall preparation for secondary school, whether your child is destined for the Cambridge or the NCEA route. If / when approval is granted staff will begin training. More to follow! (by the way, Mrs Donaldson will be back on deck and leading implementation from day 1 of term 1 2016).

Regards

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## *Annual Trivia Evening*

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### **“A Country Fair” Fundraiser**

*Saturday 13 June 2015*

*Matarau School Hall - 7pm*



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*Door sales available*

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**A bar will be available with eftpos (no BYO)**

**Bring gold coins for games**

*Don't miss out on a fantastic evening!!!*